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EAST GERMAN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ADVANCES

STEP UP OUTPUT OF WELDING ELECTRODES -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 17,

The people-owned "Agil" plant in Schoeneweide will increase its production of welding electrodes to 220 tons monthly by the middle of 1950. The "Agil" plant is at present the only people-owned plant in East Germany supplying electrodes for arc-welding and for welding transformers. In addition, it specializes in electrodes for use in shipbuilding. Its new all-purpose electrode can be used for welding any kind of material.

The plant produces and assembles its own presses for electrodes. At present, work is progressing on a new type of fully automatic press which will make it possible to triple the present capacity.

ENLARGE DYNAMO BRUSH FACTORY -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 10, 4 Feb 50

The Heidenau Dynamo Brush Factory near Dresden, which belongs to the People Owned Enterprises for Precision, Optical, and Electrical Instruments, was enlarged in 1949, and is the only factory in East Germany producing carbon and bronze brushes. It can already satisfy a great part of the electrical industry's demand.

START ELECTRIC METER PRODUCTION -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 12, 11 Feb 50

The people-owned Meter and Apparatus-Building Plant in Teltow has started production of electric meters. Beginning in March, it will turn out electric meters at the rate of 10,000 monthly. Since the requirements of the power plants in East Germany are estimated at 700,000 meters, this plant, which until now produced parts for equipment used in the postal and communication service, will concentrate exclusively on producing electric meters. Research is proceeding on a three-phase electric meter.

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CONSTRUCT NEW FACKAGING MACHINE -- Teagliche Rundschau, No 108, 11 May 50

The R. Krautwald Machine Factory in Dresden has succeeded in constructing a drawing and stamping apparatus which completely automatically mass-produces plates, dishes, etc. out of cardboard, aluminum foil, wood, wood fiber, and metal. It can also be used to make caraboard boxes and containers of various types. The daily capacity of two machines is approximately 25,000 items, depending on the size, and type of the articles.

STANDARDIZE AUTOMOBILE PARTS -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 29, 15 Apr 50

The Standardization Commission for Automobile Construction is working on new standards for threads on bicycle screws, to reduce the existing 100 types to 20.

The Standardization Commission for Rubber also has started to set up new standards for tires and inner tubes for all types of vehicles.

The Standardization Commission for Agriculture has completed research on standardizing agricultural equipment. Five new standard types of plough bodies will replace 100 different models and instead of the present 8,000 different plowshare types there will be only 11 in the future.

LIGHT INDUSTRY TOPS QUOTA -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 86, 13 Apr 50

The German Democratic Republic's people-owned light industry enterprises fulfilled their first-quarter quota for 1950 by 103 percent.

For individual products the quota for the first quarter was fulfilled as follows: automobile tires, 106 percent; rubber for rubber soles, 104 percent, cellulose, 100.3 percent; newsprint, 120 percent; writing and printing paper, 112 percent; leather for shoe uppers, 117 percent; leather for shoe soles, 101 percent; worsted fabrics, 116 percent; and artificial fibers, 101.7 percent.

MASS-PRODUCES MOTORCYCLES -- Die Wirtschaft, No 18, 4 May 50

The first mass-produced motorcycle in the German Democratic Republic since the end of the war is a 125-cubic-centimeter motorcycle manufactured by the Zachopau factory, a branch of the Association of People-Owned Vahicle Plants.

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